

Delightful Dragons Newsletter



Each term we will write a newsletter to keep you informed of the topics your child will be learning. We will also inform you of any different events that are happening.

This term we are using the theme of 'Happy To Be Me' to introduce your child to different areas of learning. During the theme we will be introducing different mini themes: 'All About Me', 'Seeing Eyes', 'Hearing Ears', 'Touching Hands', 'Smelling Noses', 'Tasting Tongues' and 'Harvest'.

The themes will include opportunities to look at: our senses, where we live, families, natural materials, healthy eating, the work of Louis Braille and Andy Goldsworth, as well as paint portraits and make magic potions and popcorn.

Our 'Talk for Writing' stories for the half term are: 'We Are Family' and 'The Little Red Hen'.

During the term, we will also be designing and making pop-up-puppets.

Each week on a Monday, the Reception children will be given a Story Sack to take home. Each Story Sack should be returned to school on a Friday. When returning story sacks, the children are asked to put them in the labelled box, located just outside the cloakroom.

Tuck Shop will begin this Friday. £1 is plenty of money to give your child.

Forest Schools will start next week for Group One. Please see the attached Forest Schools list.

Please do not hesitate to ask about any concerns you may have.

Thank you

Mrs Baker

If you would like to follow the theme of 'Happy To Be Me' at home, here are a few ideas!

Talking

- Look at family photos. Talk about eye and hair colours and family likenesses.
- Explain about our senses. Encourage your child to talk about using their senses as you share a meal together, get ready for bed, listen to a story or play a game.
- Encourage your child to appreciate and to take care of their bodies. Talk to them about the importance of washing, cleaning teeth and combing hair.

Stories and Songs

- Visit your local library to look for fairy tales where parts of the body play a key role such as Rapunzel's hair, Snow White's rosy cheeks and Pinocchio's nose. Also look for non-fiction books about the body.
- Each night before bed tell a story about your child in which a body part is magical. Perhaps your child has magical eyes which can see through doors or a nose which when wrinkled grants a wish.
- Have fun singing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and add some actions. Try missing out a different word each time but still do the actions.

Making

- Begin a diary of body changes. Help your child to record in pictures such changes as haircuts, new teeth, shoe size and height.
- Make a photo album of all your family members. Don't forget to write who they are underneath each photo!

In the home

- Make a family of gingerbread people. Give them different eye and hair colours!

Out and about

- Draw attention to how useful parts of our bodies are. For example, help children to be aware of their ears as they listen for traffic when crossing a road and their eye lids which protect their eyes.
- Visit a park and explore the way arms can be used to push, swing, throw and lift. Enjoy running and playing.